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An unusual form of *Aglias urticae* L. (Lep.: Nymphalidae) from Devon

On 15th August 1995 I noticed a very distinctive variety of *Aglias urticae* L. (Small Tortoiseshell), flying in the company of numerous typical examples around a buddleia bush at my home in Devon. The butterfly was a fresh female and featured a continuous black band linking the central costal black mark to the spot in space 1b. It appears to be the form referred to in Emmet: *Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland* Vol. 7 (1) as ab. *connexa* Cabeau.— R.W. BOGUE, Kingston House, Tuckermarsh, Bere Alston, Devon PL20 7HB.

Sphinx ligustri L. f. *albescens* Tutt (Lep.: Sphingidae) in Hampshire

A specimen of this rare form in which the pink colour is replaced by white on the hindwings and abdomen only was taken on 21st June 1995 whilst running a mercury vapour trap with J. Chainey near Emery Down, Hampshire. Another specimen was taken this year on 22nd June at Brockenhurst by M. Middleton and D. Russwurm who tell me that his is the fourth example they have seen there since 1976.— R. COOK, 11 Greensome Drive, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 8BE.

Ancylois oblitella Zell. (Lep.: Pyralidae) in Kent

I was rather surprised to find a fresh specimen of *A. oblitella* in my garden trap on the morning of 2nd September 1995. I have not seen this species in the garden since it became temporarily abundant all over southern England in 1976 (*Ent. Rec.* **88**: 318). It is mildly interesting that 1995 has been compared frequently, though not always accurately, with 1976 for its pattern of prolonged hot, dry weather.

In recent years, this species has been rather scarce with small numbers being noted along the Thames estuary.— PAUL SOKOLOFF, 4 Steep Close, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent BR6 6DS.